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More bargains in half day.

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HAMBERG & MORSE PUBLISHERS.
DECATOR, ILLINOIS.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, JANUARY 1, 1879.

1879.

A Happy New Year to all, is the greeting of the REPUBLICAN to its readers to-day. The year that has passed has not been one of general prosperity nor of unmixed joy, but the human heart is ever inspired by hope, and the universal expression to-day is one of joyous expectation that the year upon which we are entering will be more fruitful of good, more plentiful in temporal blessings, more fraught with general happiness than the twelve-month which we consigned to the grave of the past last night. Whether it turns out to be so or not it is well to look forward with bright anticipations. With the financial problem solved, and the currency of the country at par with gold, it would seem reasonable to expect that the long sought for bottom has been reached, and that hereafter our course must be upward. Let us look for better times, at least, and believe they are coming until time proves the contrary.

The New Year has come; let us make merry over its advent, and trusting that when we come to write its obituary a year hence we may be enabled to remember it with more of pleasure than comes to us now as we contemplate the life of its predecessor.

We resume to-day.

No more will the government's paper be at a discount.

"TURN OVER A NEW LEAF" to-day, but be careful not to write down the same old story upon the new leaf.

The United States Treasury has on hand a coin balance of \$226,000,000 with which to undertake and maintain the resumption of specie payments. Of this sum \$200,000,000 is gold and \$26,000,000 silver, besides subsidiary coin amounting to \$12,000,000. With such a stock of specie on hand the problem of resumption may be considered as solved, and note-holders will be in no hurry to exchange their paper currency for the more bulky and less convenient coin.

Title bar-room bell punch that was to yield \$600,000 in Virginia this year, has only brought \$83,000. It is not regarded as good as a license system. Its noise is said to have a reformatory tendency, and people don't drink as much. If that is the case, the people of Virginia should be well satisfied with its use. If it cut off all the liquor drinking the people could well afford to pay direct taxes for all the expenses of the State and local governments, the amount of which, it is safe to say, would be diminished at least one-half.

The great fortune left to the heirs of John Jacob Astor was, at the time of his death estimated at \$40,000,000, and he was the sixth in the list of the rich men of the world. Baron de Rothschild, the Duke of Devonshire, Sir Robert Peel, and Louis Phillip were said to have greater fortunes than Astor. In 1873 the Astor estate was estimated to be worth \$90,000,000. At the time of the death of A. T. Stewart, in 1876, his estate was valued at \$80,000,000. The richest man living in New York is undoubtedly W. H. Vanderbilt, who was made the heir to the bulk of the immense fortune of his father, and about whose bequests there has been bitter litigation.

Some time ago the San Francisco Chronicle charged Charles Carroll O'Donnell, a member of the California Constitutional Convention, elected on the Workingmen's ticket, with being an abolitionist, and with having boasted that he was attached to the Army of Virginia, under Gen. Lee, as a surgeon, and that he availed himself of that position to cut off the arms and legs of wounded Union soldiers so as to prevent them from again taking arms against the Confederates. O'Donnell sued the Chronicle for libel, and when the case came up for trial witnesses were produced to prove the statements made. The case was dismissed, the defense asking that O'Donnell be held on a charge of murder. The Workingmen have adopted resolutions asking that O'Donnell be expelled from the convention.

This Charleston (S. C.) News and Courier wants a law repealed. This law appears on the statute book of the United States as section 821, and provides that the United States District attorney may move, and the court may require, at any term of the United States Court, that every grand and petit jury swear that he has not willingly taken up arms against the United States, or willingly given any aid or assistance to persons engaged in rebellion. This law the News and Courier pronounces monstrous, and a blot—a dark blot—on the statute book. As under this rule it is possible to have rebellion against United States laws and rebels—not in sympathy with them—but in opposition. Democratic papers are loud in their protest. The men who "voted for the rebels" went the law.

THE OLD YEAR AND THE NEW.

Dangers and Evils That Have Been Overcome—Bright Prospects for the Future.

From the New York Times, Dec. 19.

Commercially and politically, the year has been for the United States a period of clearing skies and growing promise. Reckless partisan attacks upon the President's title have fallen harmless, and the leaders whose political stock in trade consisted mainly of the cry about "fraud first triumphant in American history" have found it expedient to let that subject drop. The national honor has been preserved intact, and at least the immediate success of resumption has been assured. It is true that we have not escaped silver legislation possessing infinite capacity for mischief, nor anti-redemption legislation which if it could be made operative would bring back the era of inflation, with its mischievous cycle of divisive prosperity and attendant ruin. But the sober verdict of the people given in November was so emphatically on the side of a sound and stable currency as to warrant the belief that the evil effects of some of the year's legislation need only be made thoroughly apparent to secure its repeal. With a business community whose weakest members have been thinned out by five years of the severest pressure which this generation has known, with the relations between production and consumption fairly adjusted, and with careful and conservative business methods pretty generally re-established, the growing prosperity of the country must exercise a restraining effect on the financial legislation of the immediate future. When people see that the healthy action of the laws of trade is best secured by allowing them the greatest possible freedom, we shall hear less about quack remedies for "creating wealth and stimulating commerce." The year is all but ended, will probably mark the turning-point both in the development of American commerce and the growth of more rational views about the "material" aspects of our politics. The city of New York has had its fair share of the business revival of the latter part of the year, and rather more than its share of the political reformation. For 1878 will be long memorable as the year in which a fatal blow was dealt at the supremacy of one of the most arrogant and corrupt political organizations which ever grew up on the spoils of a great city. The new year looks brighter to every honest citizen of New York because it is not spanned by the shadow of the domination of Tammany Hall.

While the clouds of commercial depression and political danger have been rising from over the United States, they have been closing in over Europe. The Russo-Turkish war had virtually ended before the year began, but there were some anxious weeks before the meeting of the Berlin conference, when it seemed that the quarrel was to drag into its vortex half the nations of the Old World. The patched-up peace of Berlin is, confessedly, mere makeshift, certain to be swept away by the first violent pressure to which its provisions are exposed. The almost equal exhaustion of both vanquished and victors and the pressing necessity experienced by the nations most interested in Eastern affairs of attending to matters of domestic concern are the most powerful guarantees of continued peace. The smothered Socialist revolt in Germany; the revolutionary ideas which pervade the educated classes of Russia, and which appear to be filtering down among the people; the recidive mania which has shown itself in Spain, Italy, Austria and Germany; and the terrible industrial distress, with all its potentiality for exciting political discontent, which impends over Great Britain, are gloomy characteristics of the old year and depressing portents for the new.

The contrast between the prospects of the American and European new year may be accepted as a fresh reason for thankfulness on our part; it can, however, be regarded as in any sense a matter for congratulation. Our political stability has, indeed, but little to do with the social unrest which finds more or less violent expression in Europe, and it is painful to talk of any danger to our institutions from the emigration of large numbers of German or other agitators to this country. But our recovery from a long season of bad trade will be hindered, not hastened, by the fact that countries which are at once our best customers and our most formidable competitors are only beginning the process of liquidation which we have all but closed. Starving artisans and idle machinery in England and Germany mean a diminished purchasing capacity for the products of our fields, and an increased disposition and ability to undersell the products of our mills and factories. The interests of mankind, considered from the stand-point of a common brotherhood, are not more closely identified than the commercial and financial interests of civilized nations. The reflex action of distress in Europe will be very much less than it would have been several years ago, but we shall feel it all the same as a hindrance to returning confidence and prosperity. There are causes enough for rejoicing over the prospects of the future to render an attempt to conceal any unfavorable symptoms entirely superfluous.

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EDUCATIONAL COLUMN.

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS: All subjects intended for this column should be addressed to J. E. Brown or Miss M. F. Fullerton, Decatur, Illinoian.

TEACHERS OF MACON COUNTY.

We were accosted by a middle-aged teacher, who very deliberately made an attack upon Teachers' Institutes, Teachers' Journals and new fangled text-books, as he was pleased to call every new book claiming improved methods, etc. We received the "currying" with all the patience of a modern Job, proceeded at once to show him some new works on English grammar; talked about the success of certain teachers in bringing out original ideas from their pupils; mentioned special work of certain classes, and finally showed him three different school journals from as many different states, asking him to take them home, read them, return them, and get a new supply next week. He very eagerly grasped them, put them in his pocket, and blandly asked the loan of Reed and Kellogg's Lessons in English Grammar.

We fully expect to see this teacher at our Annual Institute next Summer. Shall we be disappointed?

The above incident has brought to mind the question, "Have the Macon county teachers accomplished anything during the year?"

Yes, we most emphatically say; they have succeeded in putting the Teachers' Library on a firm footing, raising the number of volumes from thirty-eight to over fifty; have held one among the best Annual Institutes of Central Illinois; and the results of this Institute are alone enough to make any teacher proud of the year's work. A few chronic grumblers conclude that the schools of Macon county are retrograding, simply because they are falling short of the expectation of a progressive patronage.

We welcome the day when the patrons of each school district will be diligent in knowing whether their teacher is a live one or not; whether he keeps pace with the times or not; whether he studies his own immediate school or not, whether he spends a few cents per month for a newspaper, a text book, school journal; or whether he stands still, like Plymouth Rock, moldering to decay, while his fellow goes "upward and onward," not stopping short of the "pinnacle itself."

CUT THIS OUT.

Examinations for both first and second grade certificates will be held regularly on the third Friday of each month, commencing February, 1879, with the exception of July, August, October and Dec.

Two examinations will be held in August—one at the close of the Annual Institute, and the other on the last Friday of the month.

Teachers will observe that there will be no examination in the months of January, July, October and December. No private examinations will be held, unless the applicant cannot possibly attend a regular one.

LIST OF LETTERS

Remaining in the Post-office, at Decatur, Macon co., Illinois, Jan. 1, 1879.

Binkley Harry
Bowman Corinne
Carne F. J.
Chisholm H. J.
Cox H. S. (2)
Clarke Harry
Cantrell Jas
Elwin John
Fink Susan Flora
Gaven O. H.
Gray W. R.
Hartman John
Hawkins Wm. C.
Kilbourne J. P.

R. P. LAYNE, P. M.

AN OVERTURE.—A couple of countrymen who were driving up North Main street yesterday afternoon in a pangsleigh, in attempting to turn their horse to go east on Eldorado street upset their sleigh, which came over upon one of them with so much force as to give him quite a serious bruising. The animal ran north some distance until brought to a halt, by which time the pungs was pretty seriously dilapidated.

THE DEAD OF 1878.

Victor Emanuel, King of Italy, aged 57, Rome, in January.

Samuel Bowles, Editor, Springfield, Mass., 51, in January.

Gideon Welles, Ex-Secretary of the Navy, Hartford, 75, in February.

C. M. Conrad, Ex-Secretary of War, New Orleans, 73, in February.

B. F. Wade, Ex-U. S. Senator, Jefferson, O., 77, in March.

C. L. Wilson, publisher of the Chicago Evening Journal, 59, in March.

Wm. M. Tweed, Ex-Chief Tammany ring, 55, in April.

Wm. Orton, President W. U. T., New York, 52, in April.

Lord John Russell, Ex-Prime Minister of England, 86, in May.

Wm. C. Bryant, Poet and Editor, New York, 84, in June.

Gen. Fitz Henry Warren, Ex-Assistant U. S. General, 62, in June.

Dr. J. C. Ayer, Patent Medicine Man, Mass., 62, in July.

Geo. S. Appleton, Publisher, New York, 57, in July.

John H. Raymond, President Vassar College, 93, in August.

Gen. Henry Raymond, Veteran of 1812, New York, 88, in September.

Gen. G. J. Pillow, Ex-Confederate General Arkansas, 60, in October.

L. A. Godey, Publisher Godey's Ladies' book, New York, 54, in November.

Geo. H. Lewes, Author, London, 60, in December.

Princess Alice, 3rd child of Queen Victoria, 35, in December.

Bayard Taylor, Author, Poet, Diplomat, 54, in December.

If you want mill feed, corn or oats, you can be supplied at SHELLABARGER'S Dec. 18—d&wtf.

TELEGRAPHIC

WASHINGTON CITY.

"Open House" at the National Capitol.

Sensation Among the Merchants at Cincinnati.

MINOR TELEGRAMS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—The annual observance of the opening of the New Year will be attended with unusual gaiety at the Executive Mansion. The conventional reception will be held, the President being assisted by the Vice President and Mrs. Hayes, by Mr. Jewett, of Chicago, Mrs. Charles Anderson, Jr., of Cincinnati, Mrs. Austin, of Cleveland, and Mrs. Hastings, recently made a bride at the White House.

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CITY DEPARTMENT.

We are pleased to announce JOHN A. BROCKWATER candidate for City Marshal at the ensuing municipal election.

JANUARY 1879.
Did the "ps" gather you to-day?
DON'T dash more letters 1878.
Go to the Tabernacle to-night.

PAT YOUR RENT.

A good way to begin the new year will be to attend our meeting this evening.

Montgomery daily, at J. M. Stookey & Co's, dec 20th.

Circus will reconvene at 9 o'clock to-morrow night.

MARTIN BRAYTON says that being "chained" to half as bad as he thought it was before tried.

BIG FATHERS, every style, 25 cents, at "MARTIN'S" dec 19th.

BUTAU the million at Milam's, and much more, at any hour.

NEW YORK calling parties are going their round this afternoon, entering "open" lot.

REVIEW, the place to buy slippers is at Barber & Baker's. dec 17th.

CIRCUS will certainly continue one week this, and possibly two weeks more added to that.

The increasing interest in the meetings at the First M. E. Church may lead to their continuance for some time to come.

YOUNG'S are well fixed for the holiday trade. Call and see.

There will be no meeting of the Philanthropic Society this week. Per order of the president.

EXHIBITION, look at Barber & Baker's Slippers. dec 17th.

GO TO THE TABERNACLE TO-NIGHT.

C. B. SCOTT'S is the place to buy a fine Piano Organ for a Christmas present. dec 20th.

A SOLEMN PRAYER MEETING is now held at the room of the Y. M. C. A., 26 Merchant st., daily, from 11:30 to 12.

SUPERBANOUS'S PATENT PROCESS FLOUR gives itself the labor in baking, and will make more bread to the pound than any other flour ever sold here.

DEC 17th & 18th.

A BEAUTIFUL SKIN BONNET was donated to the Temperance Fair this morning by LION & BRUGGS, to be voted away.

REGULAR THE LARGE STOCK OF ORGANS THAT PRESENTS IS SELLING SO CHEAP.

NOV 17th & 18th.

HOLIDAY VACATION HAS BUT THREE DAYS MORE LEFT, A FACT WHICH THE JUVENILES OF THE CITY CONSIDER WITH BUT LITTLE SATISFACTION.

GO TO THE TABERNACLE TO-NIGHT.

THE YEAR WAS WATCHED OUT AND THE NEW YEAR BY THE BETHEL CONGREGATION. THE SERVTS ARE SPOKEN OF AS BEING VERY INTERESTED.

HARRY GUINNOR, of Moultrie county, have opened a meat market in the store room in a block, lately occupied by P. T. Lock, the music dealer. Business commenced yesterday.

F. W. GARNER, the grocer, keeps at his shop at the corner of Eldorado and Monroe streets, a complete assortment of general provisions, which he always sells at the lowest figures.

PAUL CHATFIELD, the great African Explorer, will lecture at the Tabernacle on Monday, Jan. 9th, first, at 4 o'clock in the afternoon and then at night. Afternoon admission, 5 cents; evening, 10 cents. The lecturer comes here under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A., and the proceeds will be used for the benefit of the deserving poor.

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A MEET OF UNUSUAL INTEREST WAS HELD IN THE HALL OF THE FIRST M. E. CHURCH THIS MORNING AT 9 o'clock, the attendance being considerably larger than at any previous morning meeting. There will be preaching in the lecture room this evening at 7 o'clock, and also meeting to-morrow morning and evening the same time.

FOR THE POOR.—Jim Barney and Dick Oglesby contemplate giving a concert in the northeast, for the benefit of the poor at orphanages—Jim and Dick being the organs. The concert will be a first-class one in all respects, all the performers being professionals.

GO TO THE TABERNACLE TO-NIGHT.

AN AFFLICTED FAMILY.—We are sorry to record the death of Miss M. A. Clerk, sister to Mr. A. Clerk, the fur dealer.—Two other sisters lie in a critical condition with high fever at the family residence.

A SPLENDID BARGAIN.—A full set of Dickens Works, 15 Vols., cloth, illustrated, pr \$12.00, at

JAN. 17th & 18th J. M. BROOKY & CO'S.

KEEP RECORD OF THIS YEAR, AND FOR THAT PURCHASE BUY AN EXCELSIOR DIARY, AT J. M. BROOKY & CO'S.

WANTED—A girl, to do housework. Inquire at West Main street.

JAN. 17th & 18th.

Y. M. C. A.—The next State Y. M. C. A. Convention will be held in this city Aug. 2nd to the 5th, 1879.

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A NICE OUTFIT.—A New Year outfit which attracted more attention on the streets this morning than anything else was a bobbed, on which was a dry goods box containing a couple of boys—the whole being drawn by a jack that moved at a snail's pace. Both the animal and box were labeled "A Happy New Year." The rig took all eyes as it moved down East Main street.

ORANGE.—Dr. Price's Special Flavoring Extract of Orange is obtained from the finest fruit. To flavor cakes, puddings and creams, it is found one of the most delicious flavors, and in all respects equal to Dr. Price's Lemon and Vanilla Extracts, which have become so popular.

100,000 Bushels of Corn Wanted by LIMA & BRUGGS, for which they will pay two cents a bushel more than the highest market price in merchandise, at lowest cash prices, the corn to be delivered at D. S. Shellabarger & Co's mill.

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THE TEMPERANCE FAIR.

The Attendance Last Night—Articles to be Voted Away, and Names of Gentlemen and Ladies in Charge.

The grand temperance fair and festival opened at the tabernacle last evening with about 300 people in attendance. The fair will continue until Thursday night, the tabernacle being open through the day for the sale of dinner, and lemonade and fancy articles generally.

A REPUBLICAN reporter in making the rounds last evening was first greeted by the gentlemanly trustees, Messrs. D. S. Shellabarger, M. P. Murphy, H. W. Hill, C. M. Imboden and F. Priest, in the most affable and courteous manner, pointing out the various articles on exhibition, descanting upon their beauty of finish and durability of service, with the glibness of salesmen of 20 years' experience. After parting with the trustees the first place our reporter struck was the cashier's counter, where may be seen J. H. Brayton, busy taking in the silver and issuing supper tickets to a hungry crowd.

On the stage was displayed a beautiful chamber set to be voted to the most popular gentleman in the city, at 50 cents a vote.

SECRETARY and rocker to be voted to the most popular fire company in the city, at 25 cents a vote.

Silver water set to be voted to the most popular married lady in the city, at 25 cents a vote. The candidates are Mrs. D. L. Bunn, Mrs. L. W. Hurd, Mrs. Jas. Freeman and Mrs. M. P. Murphy.

A gold headed cane to be voted to the most popular lawyer in the city, at 10 cents a vote. Candidates—I. A. Buckingham, Ed. S. McDonald and I. D. Walker.

A beautiful set of mink furs, donated by Hoy & Bartholomew, to be voted to the most popular young lady, at 10 cents a vote. Candidates—Misses Annie McDonald, Nellie Winebrenner, Lulu McKenzie, Carrie L. Ham, Alice Fuller, Mabel Carter, Minnie Stevens and Mary Schroll.

"Garland" stove, from Morehouse & Wells, to be voted to the most popular married lady. Candidates—Mrs. C. J. Holt, Mrs. Annie Vest, Mrs. C. Goodman, Mrs. W. W. Mason and Mrs. J. H. Brayton.

Lady's saddle, from J. G. Starr & Son, to be voted away to the most popular young lady.

THE TABLES.

Mrs. M. P. Murphy, Mrs. J. H. Winebrenner, Mrs. W. H. Adilia, Mrs. W. W. Mason, Mrs. Henry Stafford, Mrs. John Ebert and a host of young lady assistants preside over the supper table in the southwest part of the hall.

Mrs. D. S. Priest, Mrs. John Sweet and Miss Callic Hair have charge of the fancy table, where innumerable articles of ladies' handwork may be had for a song.

Near the entrance Mr. G. W. Sharer displays a fine array of scroll work, at prices varying from 20 cents up to \$5.

The lemonade and cake stand, near the stage, is in charge of Mrs. J. H. Brayton, and Mrs. Charles J. Holt.

Mrs. L. N. Coltrin, Mrs. Robert Baker, Mrs. Chas. Goodman and Misses Annie McDonald, Frankie McVey, Annie Schroll, Nellie Winebrenner and others have charge of the oyster tables.

The finest confections, oranges, peanuts, etc., may be had at the table from the hands of Misses M. L. Murphy and M. L. McKenzie.

Besides the above there are fish ponds, clock rooms, etc., in charge of youthful gents, who understand their business thoroughly.

Doubtless the house will be crowded to-night.

BURGLARS IN DURANCE VILLE.—J. G. Cuckley's liquor store, at Clinton, was burglarized last night. When the ten o'clock freight train from the north arrived here to-day two suspicious looking characters named Thomas Nixon, aged 21, and Wm. Murray, aged 35, alighted.—They answered a description given to the conductor by Cuckley of the suspected burglars, and officer Leake took the pair in custody, lodging Murray in the Midland engine house and Nixon in the county jail. A silver proof guage, a bunch of railroad keys, a lot of Cuckley's business cards, and a bundle of shears and files were taken from the men. The sheriff of DeWitt county has been notified of the arrest, and will doubtless come down this evening and take the prisoners to Clinton.

MILITARY SOIREE.—The Decatur Guard gave their fifth soiree at their Armory Hall last night, and it was one of the best yet given by that popular company. It was not as large a party as former ones, probably owing to other attractions always numerous on New Year's Eve. However, there were over 40 couples present. Among the invited guests from abroad were the following: Miss Gertrude Ulery, Mt. Zion; Miss Maud Capps and Henry Beckmeyer, Mt. Pulaski; Miss Flora Morris and T. Edwards Amboy; W. H. Clear, Mt. Pulaski; Ed. Blair, Bloomington; Frank Boyd and James Palmer, St. Louis; A. Foster, Lovington; Mrs. M. Ehrman, Centralia; I. A. Brouslig, New Castle, Indiana, and Oliver McKenzie, Mount Pulaski. As everybody expected, W. H. Jeakle, at "Martin's" restaurant, served an excellent supper to the entire party, and the Guards' New Year's Eve Soiree was voted an immense success in every particular.

DIED.

At Mattoon, Dec. 30, 1878, of brain fever, George M., son of B. C. Hinckle, aged 6 years and 2 months.

Little George was one of the brightest children we have ever known—a lad of exceeding promise. His early death will bring a pang of sorrow to the hearts of many of our Decatur people who knew and loved his mother, known to them in her girlhood days as Jennie Elwood, whose death in February, 1877, is still fresh in their minds. The funeral services took place at Mattoon yesterday, and were largely attended, Rev. N. P. Heath officiating. The afflicted father will have the deepest sympathy of all who knew his bright little son.

At the residence of the family, 41 West Prairie street, Miss M. A. Clerk, of lung fever.

IN looking around for a suitable Christmas or New Year's gift, don't fail to see the novelties on exhibition at J. T. Hubbard's drug store, such as beautiful child toilet sets, hair, tooth and nail brushes, full variety of fancy toilet soap, and a complete line of the finest perfumery in the market.

Big Fat Oysters.—One dozen, in any style, only 25 cents; half dozen, only 15 cents, at THE OYSTERS BAY.

Dec. 31—dinner.

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Assignee's Sale.

The undispensed balance of Dr. W. H. Lewis' bankrupt, will be sold at auction at the residence of said bankrupt, 424 Main Street, Decatur, on Wednesday, Dec. 10, 1878, following the sale of his furniture, 11th and Main Streets, Decatur, on Tuesday, Dec. 9, 1878, and his household effects, 11th and Main Streets, Decatur, on Monday, Dec. 11, 1878.

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